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Memorandum
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To: Mayor and Councillors
From: Lloyd Bie, P.Eng.
Director, Transportation
Date: July 6, 2020
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Re: **Report Back on Temporary Road Changes in Steveston Village for Canada Day**

As directed at the June 22, 2020 Council meeting, this memorandum summarizes staff observations and merchant feedback regarding the temporary road changes in Steveston Village implemented on July 1st for Canada Day.

Staff Observations

Staff were on site throughout the day to observe attendance, business operations, and the impacts of the temporary road changes on pedestrian, cyclist and motorist circulation through Steveston Village. Overall, the cool and overcast weather with afternoon showers contributed to a smaller number of visitors compared to recent weekends.

The temporary road changes were implemented without incident and vehicle traffic generally flowed well with the presence of traffic control personnel. Occasional minor but typical delays were observed on Third Avenue between Moncton Street and Chatham Street for northbound motorists at Chatham Street due to left turning vehicles. Sufficient on- and off-street parking was available with ample space available north of Moncton Street. With the one-way system on Bayview Street, the widened temporary pathway better accommodated two-way pedestrian and cyclist traffic. Cyclists typically transited through the area and did not stop; as a result, there was sufficient bike parking.

Feedback from Steveston Businesses

The notice distributed to businesses on June 25, 2020 encouraged merchants to provide post-implementation feedback by noon on July 3rd. A total of five responses were received from businesses, including one sent prior to the implementation of the road changes. One business (located on Moncton Street) was supportive of road closures during weekends and busy times for the summer months while the other four businesses (two on Moncton Street and two on First Avenue) were opposed to any further or extended closures, citing on-street parking loss and increased vehicle circulation due to the one-way operation on Bayview Street.



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Next Steps

While pedestrian and cyclist volumes on Canada Day were lower than typical, staff anticipate increased crowds in Steveston Village as the warmer summer season and re-opening measures progress. Table 1 identifies three options for Council’s consideration to address the potential that pedestrian and cyclist volumes will consistently exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure and additional space will be needed to maintain physical distancing guidelines.

Table 1: Options to Maintain Physical Distancing in Steveston Village

Option	Scope
1 Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff continue to monitor pedestrian, cyclist and motorist operations for crowding • When necessary, report back on the need for temporary road changes to add additional space
2 One-Way Moncton St & Bayview St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement one-way systems on Moncton St and Bayview St on weekends only • One-way system on Moncton St will preserve some on-street parking • Implementation could be weather-dependent (only when fair weather forecast) • Estimated cost per day: \$12,000
3 One-Way Bayview St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement one-way system on Bayview St on weekends only • One-way system on Bayview St only will preserve two-way vehicle movements and all on-street parking on Moncton St • Implementation could be weather-dependent (only when fair weather forecast) • Estimated cost per day: \$6,000

Staff will be available to discuss the options at the General Purposes Committee to be held July 6, 2020. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact me at 604-516-9934.



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 Director, Transportation

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cc: SMT